

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF INTRADO COMMUNICATIONS INC.,
FOR THE ARBITRATION OF UNRESOLVED
ISSUES FROM THE INTERCONNECTION
NEGOCIATIONS WITH VERIZON
DELAWARE LLC (FILED MARCH 5, 2008)**

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PSC DOCKET NO. 08-61

On March 5, 2008, Intrado Communications, Inc. (“Intrado”) filed a Petition for compulsory arbitration of open issues relating to the rates, terms and conditions of an interconnection agreement with Verizon Delaware, LLC (“Verizon”), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b) (“The Telecommunications Act of 1996”).

47 U.S.C. 252(b) provides, in part, that state Commissions shall arbitrate disputes involving interconnection agreements between certain telecommunications carriers upon the Petition of one of the parties to the negotiation.

On March 5, 2008, Verizon filed its Response to Intrado’s Petition for Arbitration. On April 1, 2008, Verizon filed its Motion to Hold In Abeyance Intrado Communication’s Petition for Arbitration. On April 8, 2008, Intrado and Verizon filed a letter stating that the parties jointly agreed to stay this proceeding for sixty (60) days to give the parties the opportunity to participate in negotiations, with Verizon withdrawing its Motion to Hold Intrado’s Petition In Abeyance. On May 6, 2008, by Order No. 7386, the Commission granted a stay of the parties’ litigation for sixty (60) days to allow for negotiations between the parties.

On April 17, 2008, the Delaware Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”), by Order No. 7379, granted Intrado’s application dated February 25, 2008 for a conditional Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”). The Commission permitted Intrado to offer within the State of Delaware: 1) local telephone exchange services; and 2) to offer competitive intrastate telecommunications services, under the provisions of the Commission’s previously enacted “Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services.” Currently, Intrado is not providing these services. To provide such service involving Verizon, Intrado and Verizon must enter into an Interconnection Agreement.

On August 11, 2008, the parties and the Hearing Examiner agreed upon a Procedural Schedule for this Arbitration. This Procedural Schedule set forth the filing deadlines in this case. According to the Procedural Schedule, this Arbitration hearing would be held on February 11, 2009 at the Delaware Public Service Commission in Dover, Delaware, and would continue on February 12 and 13, 2009, if necessary. A schedule of the filing of initial and reply briefs and post hearing briefs was also established.

On September 5, 2008, the parties submitted their joint “Unresolved Issues Matrix.” This Matrix listed the seventeen (17) remaining interconnection issues which the parties had not agreed upon. On September 5, 2008, the parties also filed the “Verizon-Intrado Interconnection Agreement” which contains the parties’ agreed upon language and each party’s proposed language for disputed issues. This proposed Agreement template is primarily based upon the parties’ Unresolved Issues Matrix.

On November 3, 2008, Intrado pre-filed the direct testimony of Thomas W. Hicks, Intrado’s Director of Carrier Relations and Ms. Carey F. Spence-Lenns, Intrado’s Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs. On November 3, 2008, Verizon pre-filed the direct testimony of Peter J. D’Amico, Verizon’s Product Manager, and Maureen Napolitano, Verizon’s National Director for E911 Customer Service.

On November 18, 2008, the Arbitrator notified Delaware's 911/E911 Administrator and all Managers of Delaware's Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) of this Arbitration and informed each of their right to intervene in this proceeding. The list of PSAPS was provided by Delaware's 911/E911 Administrator.

On November 21, 2008, the Arbitrator notified all Delaware Local Exchange Telecommunications Re-Sellers/Carriers (i.e. ILEC Verizon and CLECs) listed with the Delaware Public Service Commission, of this Arbitration, and informed each of their right to intervene in this proceeding. The list of Carriers was provided by the Commission's Telecommunications Department. The only Intervener to date in this case is the Division of Public Advocate (DPA).

On January 20, 2009, the parties are scheduled to end discovery. On January 30, 2009, the parties will disclose their respective witnesses and exhibits for the Arbitration hearing.

The Arbitration hearing is scheduled to begin on February 11, 2009. The parties are scheduled to file post-hearing briefs on March 2, 2009. The parties will then file their reply briefs on March 19, 2009.